



Friday, March 12, 2010

Dear Neighbors,

### **Get Connected**

Become a fan of "Houston City Council District A" on Facebook to stay connected with news and upcoming events taking place in the district. Visit [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for "Houston City Council District A" page and become a fan today!

### **Around Town with the District A Team**

During the last 2 months in office, the District A Team has worked hard to serve the constituents of District A. The Team has attended over twenty neighborhood-related meetings, over twenty district events and over sixty city-related meetings. The Team has gotten off to a great start and looks forward to continuing to serve District A!

To find out more about the District A Team visit [www.houstoncitycouncil.org](http://www.houstoncitycouncil.org) or send the District A Team an e-mail at [districta@cityofhouston.net](mailto:districta@cityofhouston.net).

### **Brittmoore Road Reconstruction**

*CitizensNet, a City of Houston E-Newsletter, released the notification below regarding the Brittmoore Area Capital Improvement Plan Construction Project. To sign up for future CitizensNet notifications visit <http://cohapp.cityofhouston.gov/citizensnet/Registration.aspx> and register online.*

In order to keep pace with the growing needs of the community, the City of Houston Department of Public Works and Engineering will improve streets in the area described below. Work started on **March 1, 2010** and is scheduled to end on **November 26, 2011**. You may not see any activity by the contractor for several weeks after the construction time has begun. This is due to the contractor getting prepared to perform work which includes procurement of materials and equipment, setting up staging areas or working in other areas in the project.

**WBS No.:** N-000596-0001-4

**Project Description:** Brittmoore Road Reconstruction from I-10 to Hammerly. Work consists of storm and water improvements, removal of existing pavement and reconstruction of new four lane concrete pavement.

If you have questions about the construction phase, please contact Dotun Ogundare, City of Houston Project Manager at 713.837.7207 or via e-mail at [dotun.ogundare@cityofhouston.net](mailto:dotun.ogundare@cityofhouston.net). If the issue is not resolved to your satisfaction, please contact J. Timothy Lincoln, P.E., Senior Assistant Director at 713.837.7074 or via e-mail at [tim.lincoln@cityofhouston.net](mailto:tim.lincoln@cityofhouston.net).

Visit [www.houstontx.gov/construction/brittmoores.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/construction/brittmoores.html) for more details.

## **Automated Recycling Program Expansion**

The City of Houston's Solid Waste Department (SWD) will roll out 96-gallon recycling bins to roughly 57,000 homes in April. Those in the program can recycle:

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| ★ Newspaper   | ★ Catalogs                           |
| ★ Plastic containers 1 through 5 and 7 (rinsed and drained) | ★ Cardboard (flattened)              |
| ★ Magazines   | ★ Phonebooks                         |
| ★ Aluminum and tin cans (rinsed and drained)                | ★ Glass bottles                      |
|   | ★ Jugs and jars (rinsed and drained) |

District A neighborhoods that have shown a history of participation in the recycling program and were accepted into the automated recycling program expansion include:

Arbor Oaks	Garden Oaks West	Royal Oaks
Binglewood	Holly Terrace	Shadow Oaks
Brinkman	Inwood Forest South	Shepherd Forest
Campbell Woods	Kempwood	Shepherd Forest II
Candlelight Woods	Kempwood North	Spring Branch Valley
Colleen Woods	MacGregor West	Spring Shadows East
Ella Lee Forest	Magnum Manor	Spring Shadows North
Forest Pines	Oak Forest Subdivision	Spring Shadows West
Forest West	Oak Forest West	Springwood Civic
Garden Oaks Area	Oak Forest West II	Timber Oaks
Garden Oaks East	Oaks of Inwood	United Civic Club

SWD will mail out recycling program letters to residents with additional information; however, interested residents may visit [www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/index.html](http://www.houstontx.gov/solidwaste/index.html) for more details.

## **Northwest PIP/CP Meetings**

The Houston Police Department's Northwest Division will host a Positive Interaction Program (PIP) and Citizens Patrol (CP) Meeting. Crime Stoppers' Executive Director, **Katherine Cabaniss**, will give information about Crime Stoppers and the organization's crime fighting initiatives. To learn more about Crime Stoppers visit [www.crime-stoppers.org](http://www.crime-stoppers.org).

**Date:** Tuesday, March 16, 2010

**Time:** CP begins at 6:30 p.m. PIP begins at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Long Point Baptist Church Sanctuary  
8009 Long Point, Houston, Texas 77055



## **HPD Northwest Division**

The Spring Branch Storefront police officers continue to work hard for area residents. On February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, Differential Response Team (DRT) officers walked door to door in neighborhoods throughout the Northwest area. The police officers covered over 1,070 homes and now have roughly 800 people signed up for the electronic Northwest Crime Alert Network (NW-CAN).

Residents interested in receiving updates from HPD regarding crime alerts for the northwest area can sign up for NW-CAN by sending an email to Officer Engelhardt at [Christopher.Engelhardt@cityofhouston.net](mailto:Christopher.Engelhardt@cityofhouston.net).

## **March on Crime**

The Houston Police Department (HPD) regularly addresses crime in the City of Houston. However, the month of March is designated as a time to emphasize what citizens can do to help with some of the most preventable crimes, including burglaries of a motor vehicles and homes.

Acting HPD Chief Charles McClelland asks citizens to participate in these initiatives and specifically advises people to protect their valuables and not leave them visible in their cars.

To learn more about the initiatives, visit HPD's web site at [www.houstontx.gov/police/moc](http://www.houstontx.gov/police/moc).

## **Buffalo Soldiers National Museum**

**Council Member Brenda Stardig** became a member of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum. The Buffalo Soldiers National Museum (BSNM), a non-profit 501(c)(3) institution, was founded in 2000 by a Viet Nam Veteran and African-American military historian, Captain Paul J. Matthews.



*(Pictured: Council Member Brenda Stardig and Captain Paul J. Matthews)*

BSNM is the only museum in the United States of America dedicated primarily to preserving the legacy and honor of the African-American soldier. The museum's mission and goals are to interpret, articulate, collect, display and preserve historical artifacts, documents, videos, prints and other historical memorabilia which details the history of the brave men and women who overcame extreme adversity while gallantly fighting the great American wars.

Visit [www.buffalosoldiarmuseum.com](http://www.buffalosoldiarmuseum.com) for more information.

## **National Donate Life Month**

**Council Member Brenda Stardig** and LifeGift will partner in April during National Donate Life Month to address the critical shortage of organs for those awaiting a lifesaving organ transplant and thousands of others who will need tissue transplants.

National Donate Life Month is a time to focus attention on the importance of registering as an organ and tissue donor via the Donate Life Texas Registry [www.donatelifetexas.org](http://www.donatelifetexas.org). Named for a kidney recipient and Texas legislator, the Glenda P. Dawson Donate Life Texas Registry has close to 700,000 registered to donate organs or tissue.

Visit [www.lifegift.org](http://www.lifegift.org) for more information about LifeGift and the Donate Life Texas Registry.



*Mayor Annise Parker released the statement below regarding the 2010 Census.*

We need your help to reach out to your neighbors and provide them information that will motivate them to complete the questionnaire and send it back before April 1.

Increasing Houston's response rate increases the accuracy of our count and reduces the chance for undercounting. A better count improves the possibility of:

- ★ Increased funding for hundreds of critical programs serving youth, seniors and others in need.
- ★ More funding from the Institutes of Health, the National Endowment of the Arts and a dozen other Federal agencies.
- ★ Better highways and more transit investment.
- ★ Another member of Congress and More Representation in Austin.
- ★ A more accurate picture of our population to use when adding two new City Council Districts in 2011.

Help us on these dates:

**Freed Park Community Center**  
7020 Shadyvilla Lane, Houston, TX 77055

**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information contact a Field Director:

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**2010 Government Procurement Connections**

Small businesses and individuals interested in learning how to do business with the federal, state, county and city governments may attend Government Procurement Connections 2010 (GPC 2010). The theme for this year's event is GPC 2010 Reloaded: Celebrating 20 Years of Procurement Connections.

**When:** Wednesday, March 17, 2010 and Thursday, March 18, 2010 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** George R. Brown Convention Center

1001 Avenida De Las Americas, Houston, TX 77010

GPC 2010 will provide educational workshops, networking forums and valuable contracting opportunities for business owners.

For GPC 2010 event listings visit [www.houstongpc.com](http://www.houstongpc.com) or call 713.837.9000.

**City of Houston Neighborhood Depository and Recycling Centers**

Beginning Monday, March 15, 2010, the City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department will change hours of operation at its four neighborhood depositories to adjust with daylight savings time. Locations are open 7 days a week, except holidays, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Citizens are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing to allow adequate time to unload.

Houston residents may utilize Solid Waste Management Department neighborhood depository facilities to dispose of their heavy trash:

**Northeast, 5565 Kirkpatrick**

713.675.3208

**\*Northwest, 6023 Windfern**

713.895.1003

**Southeast, 2240 Central**

713.847.1188

**South, 5100 Sunbeam**

713.738.1936

\* Serves District A



### District A Highlight

***Building a stronger sense of community.***